

**REMARKS**

Claims 155-173 (with claims 165-173 renumbered from 165-174) are in the application.

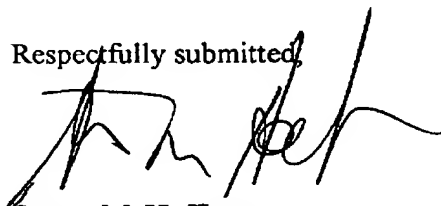
Claims 155-173 are rejected as being anticipated by Strubbe (US 5,223,924) and/or obvious over Strubbe alone or in view of Rauch et al. (US 5,731,844) or Lett et al. (US 5,592,551).

Applicants herewith provide a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney to perfect its priority claim to December 23, 1991, USSN 07/812,805. The earliest filing date of Strubbe is May 27, 1992, Lett et al. Dec. 1, 1992, and Rauch et al. May 12, 1994, and therefore applicants have properly antedated Strubbe, and all of the cited reference.

Applicants sincerely apologize for the delay in providing this Supplemental Declaration.

It is now believed that the application is in form for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven M. Hoffberg', is written over the typed name and registration number.

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